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## Election 1985



Randy Allen photo

"The Voice" ticket candidates are (from left to right) Stephanie Parr, Scott Fowler, Mike Due, and Shelley Stephenson. Not shown is Art White.

## 'The Voice' announces candidacy in Student Government elections

by Hunter Hoffecker  
Editor

A second ticket has announced its candidacy for Student Government positions in the upcoming SG elections, to be held April 10 and 11.

"The Voice," the name representing the ticket, officially announced its members' candidacy last Friday. Shelley Stephenson, the current SG treasurer, is in the running for Student Government president, with Art White for the vice presidency, Scott Fowler for treasurer, Stephanie Parr for public relations director, and Mike Due for office administrator.

"The Voice" members will be up against Andra Ward's "Renaissance" ticket. Stephenson made it clear, however, that her ticket is not simply trying to provide opposition.

"We're not running just to give the students a choice," she said, "but rather we feel that Student Government needs

the responsible and competent leadership that the other ticket fails to provide."

Stephenson, who has held such SG positions as academic senator, rep-at-large, chairman of the Grievance and Affirmative Action Committee, and a position on the University Center Board funding committee, is confident in the ability of her ticket to perform.

"The people on this ticket have shown competence in the positions for which they are running in both past office and governmental experience," she said. "We are also well diversified in participation in campus activities."

White is currently chairman of the Grievance and Affirmative Action Committee and has served as rep-at-large.

Fowler has experience in accounting, was a rep-at-large, and serves on the Special Activities Committee.

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## Public involvement key to 'waste removal'

by Kathleen Bryant  
Staff Writer

Safer transport of hazardous materials could be achieved with more public awareness and participation, stricter regulations, safer vehicles and highways, and the cooperation of state and local governments, Kentucky Lt. Gov. Steven Beshear said recently.

Beshear, Channel 5 news anchor Jerry Springer, and eight state and local government and environmental officials discussed the issue of safer transport of hazardous materials in a symposium held at NKU last Friday.

"We need a cooperative effort between state and local governments to be effective," Beshear said. "But government alone won't solve the problem. Without public participation, there can be no long-lasting solution."

He said the public has become "lazy" about getting involved in local issues. "We depend on local agencies, thinking it's their job," he said.

Awareness is the key, Beshear said. "We must begin to educate the public. Most people don't even know what hazardous materials are."

Federal law defines hazardous materials (or hazmats) as "materials that may pose an unreasonable risk to health and safety or property." These include not only explosives and toxic and radioactive substances such as benzene, but also everyday substances such as gasoline.

More than 2 billion tons of hazmats are transported in the United States each year, and the Department of Transportation is responsible for regulating transport. "The federal government invites input from local governments," Beshear said. He said the states have the most control over immediate happenings.

Ken Aitken, chief deputy of the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office, said educational programs are being implemented at the county level. Also, programs have been devised to provide

evacuation, housing, food and medical supplies in the event of a hazmat accident.

Kentucky Environmental Response Coordinator William Burger, who is in charge of coordinating clean-up efforts and invoking penalties on offenders, said Kentucky law provides for fines of up to \$25,000 a day or a five-year prison term for willful violators of hazmat regulations.

But Beshear said the major problem is not willful violation, but negligence. "Often vehicles are not roadworthy and highways are not safe," he said. For minor violations, the fines are less than \$100. "We need stricter regulations and stiffer penalties for minor violations," he said. "A drunken driver is treated more harshly than a hazmat offender."

Springer said traffic is a major problem. "There is increased risk of an accident just by sheer numbers."

Aitken said cargo and vehicles are inspected regularly, but "there is an infinite number of vehicles. You can only

do so much in a 24-hour day."

Labeling is required by the Department of Transportation, Aitken said. "Each load has an identification number that signifies its contents," he said. "It's not the best system, but it's much improved over what we had in 1979."

But Cincinnati Councilman Peter Strauss said the "hole in federal regulations is they don't require notification to cities of hazmat shipments." He said the federal government's attitude is one of apathy. "There is no will at the federal level to enforce regulations," he said. "And state and local governments are angry and frustrated."

"The safest way to transport hazmats is through underground pipelines to barges," Strauss said. "That way there is no danger to the community."

The recent benzene spill at the Queen City Terminals railyard in eastern Cincinnati resulted in the city shutting

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Parr has a wide range of experience in public relations, including promotions, and was assistant copy editor for a tri-state magazine and editor of a bi-weekly publication at General Electric.

Due has served as rep-at-large, on the special activities committee, and was the coordinator of the recent Alcohol Awareness Week.

As far as objectives "The Voice" will put forth, Stephenson said that they are, for the most part, dealing with campus issues.

"I like the idea of raising Northern to

a national level, but we have enough problems on this campus that should be addressed first," she said. "My ideas may seem less ambitious compared to Mr. Ward's, as his platform seems to be more zealous. However, our goals and the ideas that we'd like to institute are well within the grasp of SG. They are the things that will not get caught up in bureaucratic red tape of the university."

Stephenson mentioned that she plans to meet with NKU President Leon E. Boothe to see exactly which of the ideas her ticket plans to institute are viable.

## News shorts

The Career Development Center is hosting a seminar for NKU alumni on Career Exploration and Career Change on Monday, April 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The speaker for the seminar is Robert Steinman of Robert E. Steinman Associates, a career and job search consulting firm in Cincinnati. He has more than 25 years' experience as Chief Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer of industrial divisions of Fortune 500 companies.

The seminar is offered at no cost to Alumni Association members. Reservations required by calling 572-5680.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10:

• Debbie Gardner from the Survive Institute will conduct a self-protection workshop from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Albright Health Center's first-floor gymnastics room. The workshop is free and open to the public and the NKU community. Babysitting will be provided for a nominal fee. Call the Women's Center at 572-6497 for details.

• The NKU Fine Arts Department's Y.E.S. (Year End Series) Festival of plays begins. Three previously unproduced plays will be performed. For information, call Linda Thierbach at 572-5433.

• Albert Hague, "Professor Shorofsky" from the television series *Fame*, will be lecturing. Contact Student Activities in the University Center Suite 366 or call 572-6511 for more information.

# Seminar to increase world hunger awareness

When some northern Kentuckians hear of hunger in Africa or right in their own communities, they do more than quietly sympathize.

Anita Dodd Connelly, Dick Rice, Dick Rister, Rev. Michael Brewer of Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church, Bill See, Sr. Cathy Bauer, O.S.B., Sr. Adele Keller, O.S.B., and Sr. Michelle Martin, C.D.P. are preparing for Bread For the World's Outreach On Hunger Seminar for the Ohio Valley, April 19-21 at St. Francis Center, 10290 Mill Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

hunger awareness in the Church, campus organizing, military spending and world hunger, and biblical basics on hunger and justice.

Fister, Martin and Vickie Hucker will lead workshops on hunger issues in the classroom, showing how grade school, high school and college students have become more sensitized and informed about hunger.

The Northern Kentucky Interfaith Commission, the Justice & Peace Center

and to encourage effective, long-term action towards its solution. Keynote speaker will be Representative Tony Hall (D., Ohio). Other speakers include Bishop Otho Lakey, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, who is president of the Kentucky Task Force on Hunger; Les Sauer and Don Coster of C.R.O.P., Columbus, Ohio.

Workshops will include causes of hunger in the U.S. and throughout the world, a case study of Africa, increasing of the Diocese of Covington and Ken-

Freestore/Foodbank, Presbytery of Cincinnati Hunger Advisory Council, New Jerusalem Community, Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship and the Ohio-Central Indiana Annual Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. To register for the seminar, contact Bread For the World at 491-6086. Cost is \$22 per person which includes five meals and materials.

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## Hicks adds finishing touch to 'Kentucky Awareness Week'

by Linda Nesbitt  
and Amy Barlage  
Staff Reporters

Kentucky Awareness Week was highlighted on Thursday, March 28, with a special program featuring Jack Hicks, columnist for the Kentucky edition of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Hicks' theme was the distinct differences which have long existed between the four regions of Kentucky — the mountains, the bluegrass, western and northern Kentucky. "Understanding Kentucky is not getting area code 606 mixed up with 520!" he said.

Known locally for his colorful anecdotes of Kentucky places and characters, Hicks said northern Kentucky is a marvel and mystery to the rest of the state. The people who settled here, he said, are different ethnically and religiously than early settlers in the other regions because of their Germanic descent.

Northern Kentucky has not integrated well within the state, he said, and we should let the other regions know we are also part of Kentucky.

Hicks said we should be pleased with the recent national exposure Kentucky has had, including the fall presidential debate and heart transplants in Louisville. The Kentucky Derby and the NCAA Final Four basketball tourna-

ment in Lexington will also let others know just how nice a place we have here, he said.

Hicks said there is more to Kentucky than UK, thoroughbred horses and tobacco. Kentucky's park system is the best he's seen.

He also commented on the beauty of the mountains. "They have the distinct color of Kentucky," he said.

Also part of the special program, President Leon Boothe was presented with the annual Kentuckiana gift — this year rhododendron plants — by Ron Burchett of the Activities Programming Board.

Dr. Boothe said the the living gifts add "a softening touch to the campus." He added that "it is important to remember Kentucky heritage."

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Yogi Busted...

Malcolm Wilson photo:

Vice cops in Cincinnati bust Yogi Bear for stealing picnic baskets from the NKU grill. And we thought he was smarter than the average bear!

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# Personal investigation of 'MAHIKARI' urged

To the editor:

In response to last week's letter on MAHIKARI, and as faculty adviser for the student group, "Friends of MAHIKARI," I, too, hope each of you will accept the "responsibility of wise and cautious discernment" including not only a *thorough* investigation of the literature, but also an experiment with the actual practice of MAHIKARI — OKIYOME (a special, positive energy coming from the highest aspect of the universe). This practice of giving and/or receiving OKIYOME gradually allows the positive inner self (the spiritual aspect) to develop and open to its fullest potential, eventually freeing anyone from anxiety and fear and allowing them to reach a state similar to what Maslow describes as self-actualization.

I have spent six years thoroughly investigating MAHIKARI. My literature review reveals two major works on the topic in English. They express very divergent views. MAHIKARI *Thank God for the Answers at Last* was authored by Dr. Tebecis, a former neurophysiologist who has spent his life attempting to discover a method to help others overcome a variety of problems. After discovering MAHIKARI while doing research and serving as Visiting Professor in the Department of Psychosomatic Medicine at Kyushu

University Medical School in Japan, he sincerely and thoroughly investigated it, hoping to enhance his work. Dr. Tebecis was so impressed with the results of his investigation that he later left neurophysiology to become a professional teacher and current Australian head of MAHIKARI.

The second book, *Dojo: Magic and Exorcism in Modern Japan*, was written by Dr. Davis as the result of his doctoral research. His "MAHIKARI experience" was limited to a few months' investigation and though scholarly in its approach, his chosen topic, magic and exorcism, in my opinion, indicates his failure to discover and grasp the *core* of the MAHIKARI teaching, relying instead on a topic that lends a "sensational atmosphere" to the often dry objectivity associated with doctoral research.

Just as Catholicism and other forms of Christianity recognize the existence of a spiritual life beyond death, so does MAHIKARI support this truth. Though "rites of exorcism" are included in the Catholic teaching and practice, they are far from the *core* or the *essence* of the teaching and practice of Catholicism or Christ. Contrary to Dr. Davis' title, exorcism (or magic) is not a part of the MAHIKARI teaching, however, MAHIKARI does teach that in some cases, a disturbance by a spirit

can cause minor, or serious problems for a person. It also teaches a method to help these "disturbing spirits" realize God's great love and thereby stop causing problems to the person involved. But, just as in Catholicism, *this is not the main or most important aspect of MAHIKARI.*

Though MAHIKARI is not a religion or a religious sect because it is "open to anyone regardless of religion, race, birth, health, skepticism, or anything else," it does come from the *same source* as all true religions — the source common to all positive spiritual practices, Almighty God. From my present, extremely limited understanding of the nature of God, my personal experience and investigation into MAHIKARI have convinced me that its true power and the *core* of its practice is the power of love — love of all humankind and of all Creation. God is Love. MAHIKARI is the practice of changing the innermost self to become a person who constantly reflects the divine or spiritual nature — love — towards all people and all things, regardless of the situation or circumstance.

Finally, I want to sincerely thank Ms. Fancher for expressing her opinion about MAHIKARI and for showing her deep concern for others in her letter. All of us at NKU are a family and though we

may not always agree on each issue, I must only hope that as people, involved professionally and personally in the continual process of uncovering and examining the nature of all "truth" (whether it be spiritual, mental, or physical), that we will always be able to share our own opinions, and listen respectfully to those of others, on any topic in an open and honest exchange.

I hope each of you will take a few minutes to visit the OKIYOME Center in room 500 Landrum. After only two weeks, there are now an average of 11 people per day taking advantage of the opportunity to investigate OKIYOME. The center hours are listed in our advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

Beginning Tuesday, April 2 and continuing on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. throughout the remainder of the semester, "Friends of MAHIKARI" will have an open lecture/discussion on some of the basic teachings of MAHIKARI. There will be time for questions and answers with each discussion. All activities sponsored by "Friends of MAHIKARI" are free and open to the public.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Dr. Susan L. Hollis  
Faculty Adviser  
Friends of MAHIKARI

## 'Across the board' pay raise called unfair

To the editor:

The administrators of power and authority at Northern Kentucky University are very clever people — they know how to make people *feel* like they're getting a fair deal without really offering one.

Let's look closely at the "3% across the board pay raise" for all university staff, a group that includes maintenance personnel, secretaries, some teachers, and administrators. The phrase "3% across the board" has the appearance of fairness. After all, everyone gets the same raise in pay, right? Wrong. The apparent equity is a sham.

High-level administrator Willy Sham makes \$30,000 (a conservative figure —

most make much more than that). 3% of \$30,000 equals \$900.

Willy B. Shammed, a janitor, makes \$10,000 (a figure close to that of many staff persons who are not administrators). 3% of \$10,000 equals \$300.

The difference between the two salaries before the raise was \$20,000; after the raise, the difference *grows* by \$600. The gap between the well paid and the poorly paid *increases*. If this method of granting raises continues year after year, the rich grow richer and the poor stay the same. Everyone is not getting an equal raise, because people spend dollars, not percentage points.

A fairer and more just across the board pay raise would be to divide all the

available money — dollars — evenly among all staff persons. For instance if \$1,200 were available for both Willy Sham and Willy B. Shammed, then each would receive a \$600 raise.

Why did the authorities decide to go with equal percentage points rather than with equal dollars? Could the answer be, in part, that the high-level administrators who benefit most from the

percentage raises are the authorities?

Why is all this important for university people, including students, to know about and to think about? Because we all need to be able to distinguish those people who are both clever and just from those who are just clever.

Ms. I.B. Knott-Shammed  
(Paul Ellis)

## Elevator smokers rude

To the editor:

I would like to express my opinion about something I have seen happening much too frequently on campus — smoking in the elevators.

Everyone *should* know there is a federal law prohibiting this. There are "No Smoking" signs in the elevators, and yet people persist in ignoring them.

I am allergic to smoke, and nothing infuriates me more than riding an elevator with some inconsiderate jerk blowing smoke in my face. It's bad enough to have to deal with it at all, let alone in a small, enclosed elevator. And

heaven forbid I should tell these people it bothers me, and give them an excuse to get highly indignant and bit my head off, or ignore me altogether.

Smoking in elevators is dangerous and rude, not to mention illegal. It's time smokers use some common sense, and learn some consideration for others. Smoke if you must, but *don't* force me to.

We non-smokers are now an official majority in this country, and it's high time we become more vocal about our right *not* to smoke.

Kathy Bryant

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# opinion

## Fernald plant scrutinization needed

Remember those tornado drills they used to have when you were in elementary school? We had those, too. But I recall that we also had air-aid drills. Sound strange? How many schools in this country have bombing drills? Well, I attended the Crosby Elementary School in Hamilton County, less than a mile from that Fernald uranium processing plant you've been hearing about. We were told that the plant might be a target in any nuclear exchange with our venerable adversary, the Soviet Union. Of course, if the Soviets were to send a nuclear bomb, crouching in the hallways wouldn't have saved the lives of any of those children. It makes me wonder if people realize how much that plant has influenced the lives of the people in our area.

When I was in high school, we discussed the subject of the materials being processed there, and the dangers involved with radioactive substances. It made me realize that a traffic accident at any given time might have introduced hazardous materials to my front yard.

The strange thing is, the Fernald plant has been there for decades, and is only now attracting media attention. So we've learned a lot recently. For example, our little township has the dubious honor of being one of only two places in the entire nation where radium waste is stored. Radium, we hear, is many times more radioactive than uranium. It's all sitting up there (about 30 miles from NKU) in huge

storage tanks under the ground. We're hoping no one lets it out.

In a recent broadcast on WCPO

### Marcus Hon

Guest Columnist

in Cincinnati, it was also disclosed that people who work at Fernald get sick. In an informative and thoughtful report, Channel 9 cited the case of a certain Mr. Luther Hon of Dillsboro, Ind. Mr. Hon is currently in the hospital, suffering from severe emphysema. He is a former employee of the Fernald plant.

This wasn't news to me, of course. I have known for years that my uncle was sick. In fact, he's had trouble breathing for as long as I can remember, and he's been in the hospital more times than I can count. He has also been involved in a series of hearings in Cincinnati, trying to claim disability benefits for the illness he obtained at work. NLO, the company that operates the plant, claims that my uncle can't breathe because of cigarette smoking. They apparently know more about cigarettes than the Surgeon General. If they are correct, you'd better stock up on "get well" and "sympathy" cards for your friends who don't smoke.

The current furor over the Fernald plant was sparked by reports of uranium dust leaking into the air. In

fact, they now say that this has been going on for years! The company maintains that the levels of radiation escaping are perfectly safe. (Remember *Silkwood*?) Pity the people who live there (Heaven help us).

I can't help but wonder, though, how this all affects the plant's closest neighbors — Knollmans' dairy cattle. And what of Heyob's produce? Think of the residents of Crosby Township this summer when you're eating your corn-on-the-cob. Where does your milk come from, anyway? I'm probably making a proverbial mountain out of a molehill. Nobody has ever been hurt by a little uranium dust in their dinner.

Perhaps the case of the Fernald plant isn't as exciting as the one in the movie *Silkwood*, but the similarities are inescapable. It is a case of the danger to employees and the community, versus the plausible benefits received. The plant provides water to our volunteer fire department and employs a great many people from Southwestern

Ohio and Southeastern Indiana. Employment at the plant still provides financial security for some of my relatives and friends of the family.

The issue of benefits versus dangers needs to be weighed thoroughly by the community. This would be possible if the whole situation weren't covered by government security. If they've nothing to hide, why shouldn't they welcome independent study of the location. Why not begin medical studies to determine if emphysema or bronchitis might have been caused by contact with hazardous materials at the plant? Why not open the whole case up to public debate? Does it matter if the Soviets listen? Maybe they'll learn something that will help their people, too.

Oh, and by the way, both of my parents are former employees of the Fernald plant. That's where they met, in fact, about 25 years ago. That's where my mother started plotting to marry my father. That, at least, is good news — isn't it?

## March for peace planned

To the editor:

Our letter comes to broadcast a message to the wider university community.

On April 20, a national demonstration will be held in Washington D.C. The march is for peace, jobs and justice, and accordingly, will consist of groups of people from Churches, labor, peace movements, student organizations and community organizations.

The purpose of the march is to announce to Mr. Reagan that his reelection is not a mandate for an expanded arms race. We have needs to be met in our own country, such as jobs for the unemployed, the end to racial and sexist discrimination, and improving the quality of life for our own people. The demonstration against government forces' intervention in South America,

and corporate support of apartheid in South Africa.

At least two busses from the Cincinnati area will be making the trip to Washington D.C. They depart Friday evening, 19 April, and return Sunday morning of the 21st. Any folks interested in attending the march, or just learning more about the trip, can contact:

April Actions for Peace  
Earth Co., 270 Calhoun St.  
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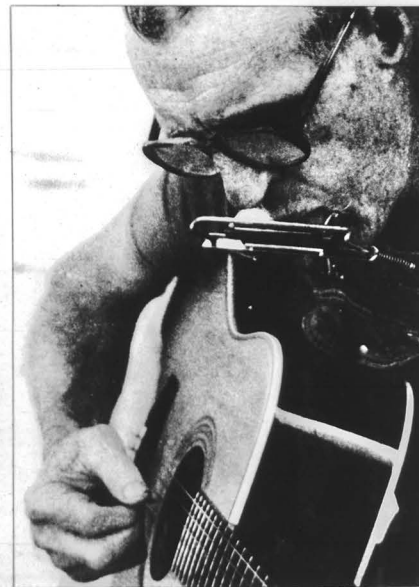
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## 2 week Bahama trip to highlight advance biology summer class

by Sharon Gill  
Staff Reporter

How would you like to spend two weeks in the Bahamas this summer?

Snorkeling, sightseeing, getting to know the natives of San Salvador Island, all while studying the marine environment — a dozen or so NKU students will be doing just that this July as part of Dr. Jerry Carpenter's Marine Biology class.

Carpenter, chairperson of NKU's Biology Department, has taken a class to the Bahamas every summer since 1977, offering advanced biology students a unique opportunity to study marine life firsthand and to observe the people and culture of the Bahamas.

After one week of class at NKU, the group will travel by university van to Ft. Lauderdale, and then by charter airplane to San Salvador Island, Bahamas, where they will stay at a former U.S. naval base, made available to U.S. schools by arrangement with the Bahamian government. Another week of class will follow their return from the two week trip.

Several hours of snorkeling and collecting or observing marine organisms, along with identifying and learning about the organisms back in the lab, comprise a typical day while the class is on the island, Carpenter said, with lectures on the natural history of the organisms every two to three days.

But studying marine biology is not the only activity. "One of the most important aspects of taking students away from the United States to another environment is showing them another culture," Carpenter said, so the class

also includes sightseeing (the place where Columbus is supposed to have first set foot into the New World is a favorite), visits to local churches and bars, and socializing and interacting with the natives.

After visiting the island many times, with his classes and doing research on his own, Carpenter still finds the trip exciting. "Almost every time I go out in the field I see new things," he said. Last year he counted 35 things he had never seen before, one of which was a hammerhead shark. But what he likes best about the trip is seeing his students get excited about what they see. Carpenter enjoys doing research on his own in the Bahamas, but he finds that his students generate a special kind of excitement.

"There are so many exciting things for them to see," he said. Swimming through coral reefs and with huge schools of fish, diving after lobsters, seeing sharks, and going on night dives are just a few of the things that Carpenter and his students enjoy.

Carpenter also enjoys the feeling of comradery that develops among the group. After spending two weeks on the island together, helping each other study, watching out for each other's sunburns, traveling, sightseeing, taking pictures, and all the other things they do together, Carpenter and his class become a very close group.

The class works hard — there are four tests, a final, and a paper to do besides the work in the field — but Carpenter said there are a lot of good times as well. And the students? It's not unusual for a students on the island to say, "I can't decide if yesterday or today was the best day of my life."

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down the railroad's benzene operations, Strauss said. The railroad cars, said to be new and safe, leaked 200 gallons of benzene, a cancer-causing chemical.

"The Federal Railroad Administration could care less about the public," Strauss said. "They just aren't doing their job. If these railroad cars had been properly inspected at Queen City Terminals, we wouldn't have had that problem. It's as simple as that."

A Cincinnati ordinance prohibiting storage of certain substances in the city is in the works, Strauss said.

Covington City Commissioner Bernie Moorman said, "Our railroads have declined into a deplorable state. Until we have a commitment to revitalize our rail system, we will continue to have problems. We're not trying to ban the use of hazmats, we're just trying to address something that is out of control."

Moorman, a former chemist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said benzene is a solvent and is widely used in the petroleum, rubber, plastics, and medical industries. He said it is flammable and cancer-causing if vapors are inhaled.

Judy Thornton, of the Sierra Club environmental group, said regulating transport is not the answer. She said all reactive measures are a "quick fix." She said we need to get to the root of the problem in manufacturing processes and disposal methods used by chemical plants. Safer chemicals can be used in manufacturing, she said.

Strauss said data sheets describing hazmats would let fire departments know what they're facing. "The horror of the benzene situation is that the preparations weren't adequate. Using a plastic bucket is not the answer." He said part of the problem is that local fire departments were not prepared.

Forrest Buckley, president of the Cincinnati Firefighters Union, said the problem is inadequate training and a low priority on the Cincinnati hazmat team. "We have no standard operating procedure," he said. "The union has been trying for two-and-a-half years to get one from the city."

Cincinnati has just ordered six "bio-suits" at a cost of \$10,000, Buckley said. The suit, made of laminated layers of synthetic rubber with an internal life-support system, protects the wearer from hazmats.

Meanwhile, Buckley said, the union has informed the city that if a Cincinnati firefighter is injured or killed because of hazmats, the union will sue the city.

Aitken said local fire departments have limited budgets and can't afford the protective equipment. "It's a matter

of priorities," he said. "The number of hazmat accidents is far less than fires. The suit may only be worn once a year."

Covington Fire Chief Don Brown said the Covington department has no chemical suits, but is in the process of buying them. "We'll be getting four suits at a cost of \$1,200 apiece," he said.

"We need to recycle waste on the site, not transport it from one place to another. If something must be shipped, it should be stabilized beforehand," she said.

Thornton said people must be made aware of proper use and disposal of hazmats. "Fifty to 60 percent of all cancer is caused by agents in everyday things like newspaper ink," she said. Citizens must be working for regulatory change, because industry doesn't want change, she said.

Kentucky State Sen. Art Schmidt said Kentucky is one of 17 states in the United States and the only one within an eight-state area to implement its own system for management of hazmats. He said 8 million tons of hazardous waste in Kentucky has been disposed of on site, not transported. "We've come a long way," he said.

Louis Ethridge, Transportation Planner for the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana Regional Governmental Agency (OKI), said a 200-member task force has been formed to plan and advise the OKI. A proposed route for transporting hazmats has been suggested along Interstates 71, 471 and 275.

"It's the shortest and safest route," Ethridge said. "The risk of an accident with the proposed route is about 50 percent less," he said.

Moorman said the counties of Hamilton, Kenton and Campbell have a cooperative agreement for fire and safety services, but the community needs to

The department is working with a local railroad to fund the suits. "We will probably get several of the disposable suits, too. They cost \$35 apiece," he said.

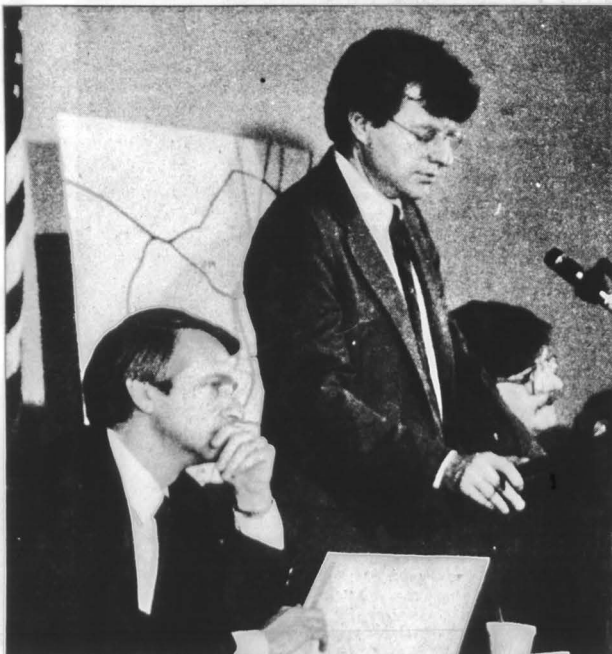
Proper equipment for local fire departments is an expensive proposition. "It involves a great deal of time and money," Aitken said. "The bottom line is what are people willing to give up or willing to pay?"

Thornton said Kentucky should pass a law prohibiting trucks in northern Kentucky unless the materials have been neutralized and are harmless. "If everyone would do that, the problem would be wiped out," she said.

"When people get fed up and become mobilized, something will be done," she said. "Until then, no one is going to rush to your rescue."

Jerry Springer and Kentucky Lt. Governor Steve Beshear ponder questions along with several other local officials Friday during a symposium on transportation of hazardous materials. The symposium was sponsored by anthropology and sociology departments and clubs.

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## Simpson's poetry digs deep

by Lynn Davis  
Staff Reporter

"Good poetry is poetry that shows the world and the thought and feeling that lies behind surface appearances." This is the opinion of Louis Simpson who spoke at NKU on March 28. He is one of three speakers in the Literature and Language's Spring Semester Series.

This biographer, essayist, and critic was born in the West Indies. At the age of 17, he immigrated to the U.S. After this, he participated in active service in the U.S. Army overseas. He studied at Columbia University, where he later taught. He also became and editor of a New York publishing company. Presently, he teaches at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Simpson's poetry is mainly about human feeling. Simpson also writes of history, U.S. landscapes, and WW II. Among his awards are the Priz de Rome, Guggenheim Fellowship (twice), the Medal for Excellence by Columbia University, and the Pulitzer Prize for "At the End of the Road."

Simpson's topic of speech Thursday was "The Making of Modern Poetry: From Symbolism to the Present." He began by talking of "Correspondences" by Edgar Allen Poe. According to Simpson, this poetry signified the start of symbolism in the 1800's which consisted mainly of lyrical narratives.

The poet also spoke of Yaezt and the four elements. In this view, the seasons symbolize different things. Simpson used the example of the West symbolizing water and departure. During this time of

symbolism, the symbols used in poetry were universal.

Simpson next talked of the beginning of futurism and the end of symbolism. According to the speaker, this came about at the beginning of the 19th century when scientific views began taking over religious views. Symbols were no longer universal, but were made up by each individual writer. Also, whereas symbolism praised dreams, futurists praised action in their poetry. The futurists also used free verse instead of the traditional form.

According to the poet, as time went on, images became more popular than symbols. He stated that contrast to symbols, images last only a second and thus are more like life.

Simpson next gave information on the poet Britton. This poet had originally been a member of the Dadas. This group set out to ridicule the poetry and values of the time. Britton eventually split with the Dadas and organized Surrealism. In Surrealism, symbols are created by the mind. The example Simpson gave was "The earth is as blue as an orange." In Surrealism, symbols don't have any existence of their own outside of the human mind.

The poet wrapped up his speech by stating that industrial society can be poetic. However, he said that many poets write satirical poems about our society today. He believes that poetry should be more sympathetic with the human situation. Along with this, he'd like to see more imaginative and creative poetry, and less poetry about subjective experiences.



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Allen Turner, left, Rob White, center, and John Robinson pick a spring afternoon for a friendly afternoon jam session.

## No fooling with April's forecast

by Madame Calypso  
Northerner Contributor

**Aries:** Your social life is still going strong. Aries, and you've never been happier. Your love life is flourishing, and friends will continue to stand by you through rough spots. Take time out from your busy schedule to rest and strengthen your forces. After the 26th, watch your temper — any sharp comments you make now will not be forgotten or forgiven.

**Taurus:** You've been a little pushier than usual lately — don't think you can get that promotion or new job through anything but charm. Taurus. Your mental processes aren't working very well either this month. Think twice before committing to any sure-fire, money-making schemes. Getting taken for a ride is a definite possibility the week of the 1st.

**Gemini:** This is a great month for some partying, as long as you don't overdo it. Remember that you have other commitments, like school and work. A friend you make at one of these parties may turn out not to be such a friend after all.

**Cancer:** You really need a break, poor Cancer, but this isn't the month for it.

You're going to have to knuckle down and get the work done, and by the end of April you should be out of the woods. Check out job prospects now.

**Leo:** Arrogance on the job right now could lead to a nasty shock — play your hand close to your chest and keep your mouth shut. A Scorpio's accomplishments may have your feeling green with envy, but you'll gain nothing by antagonizing him.

**Virgo:** Some interesting propositions will come your way this month, and you're in the mood to accept some of them. Just be sure you understand the motives behind them. Someone may be plotting your downfall.

**Libra:** Your love life has definitely been picking up and your boyfriend could pop the question this month. Your friends think he's an obnoxious jerk, but you're so starry-eyed you don't care what anyone thinks. Hint: your friends are probably right.

**Scorpio:** You have a reputation for being fast and cool, and this month it'll definitely show. The lessons in strength and endurance you've learned the past year have made you more certain than ever of your personal power. You're a winner!

**Sagittarius:** It looks like true love

has come your way — again. This time, you're sure he or she is the only one you'll ever love. This feeling could last till June, when an exciting Gemini will come your way. Sure, it's a dangerous proposition, but you live for danger.

**Capricorn:** Your creativity is going strong, but trouble on the domestic sphere may make you despair of anything ever going right. Keep that famous Capricorn cool of yours and soon everything will be on an even keel.

**Aquarius:** Conflicts between home

and career could arise this month. You feel that everyone's expecting too much from you. Is it that, or are you just not facing up to your responsibilities? This will be a great year for you — don't blow it by being a jerk.

**Places:** A friend's brittle temper may surprise you lately. Don't be too quick to judge harshly. He or she has probably been under a lot of pressure lately, and didn't mean to take out on your personally. Cheer her up with a good bottle of Bordeaux.

## Free film being shown

The Worlds of Mankind Film Festival, scheduled by the Museum of Anthropology, began on March 19 and will run on subsequent Tuesdays through April 23. Open free of charge to individuals and community groups, the movies will be shown at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Landrum Academic Center, room 110.

Following is the remainder of the film festival schedule:

April 2 — *Kerepe's House*, the two-day-long building of the house of a New Guinea tribal woman is shown.

April 9 — *Sounds of Bamboo* looks

at musical instruments made of bamboo, and played by musicians from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand.

April 16 — *Lorag's Way*, the head of a homestead in a Kenyan tribe is shown interacting with his wives and children as well as men equal his status and age.

April 23 — *True Technology*, part of the Smithsonian Institute's Folklife series, examines Northern Paiute uses of marsh in western Nevada.

For more information, call Dr. Charlotte Neely at 572-5259.



# Fundamentals play key role in baseball's win streak

by Dave Mendell  
Sports Editor

The weather this weekend may have been dreary and rainy but that didn't stop NKU's baseball team from snatching a game from Cincinnati and a doubleheader over Campbellsville.

Northern defeated UC 13-12 Friday and Campbellsville 7-3 and 4-3 Saturday.

"It was a struggle against Cincinnati, but our good hitting eventually came through," said NKU Coach Bill Aker. "Against Campbellsville our pitching was strong. And if we're going to win that's what we need — good pitching."

Aker said the biggest problem he faces with pitching is that he just doesn't have enough pitchers available, due to injuries.

"Right now we just don't have enough players. We only have five or six pitchers available," Aker said.

He said that for the team to continue winning, it must play the fundamentals well. The team doesn't have much in power but speed is a great factor.

"We can't wait for one man to hit a home run and bring in the runs," he said. "We might wait until next week for that. We have to play the fundamentals well and lately the kids have been doing that."

"The key to the team is the first two batters — centerfielder Alan Hayden and shortstop Gary Flowerdew. The simple fact is that if they get on base, NKU wins; if they don't, NKU loses.

Assistant Coach Charlie Leftin said that Hayden already has major league speed; he can run the 40-yard dash in 4.5



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seconds. Hayden has stolen 25 bases in 27 attempts. The team as a whole has swiped 79 bases.

"He [Hayden] is really amazing out there," Aker said. "He also catches anything that is hit in the air. We expected him to be drafted this year, but he wasn't."

However, the hottest hitter on the team is Jon Sagers, according to Aker. Sagers is hitting .388 and drove in two

runs against Campbellsville.

But the coach said the team has no real standouts. The squad plays as a team, with every man doing his job.

"We don't really have a big man," Aker said. "Almost every starter is in double figures in RBI's. We have a solid ball club."

Aker said that another problem besides injuries has been the weather this season. The team just never knows

if it is going to play or not. Sunday's games against Wright State and Ferris State were rained out.

After winning eight of its last 11 games, NKU's record is now 10-16. The squad will play Thomas More at home Wednesday and away at Morehead State and Miami University on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

## Fleming, Dickman receive post-season awards

NKU guard Dan Fleming has been named to the second team All Great Lakes Region in NCAA Division II as voted on by members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Fleming led the Norsemen in scoring (17.6 ppg), minutes played (934), steals (52), assists (101) and free throw percentage (.845). He scored 1,275 career points and is NKU's all time leader in

free throw percentage (86.5%).

Fleming was also named NKU Most Valuable player for the past season at the annual basketball banquet last Monday.

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Norsewoman center Nancy Dickman is one of five collegiate basketball

players named to the Kodak All-District Women's Basketball Team for District IX of NCAA Division II selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Dickman averaged 14.4 points and eight rebounds per game and ended her career with 1,110 points and 731 rebounds.

"Nancy does not have the great

statistics of some All Americans," NKU Coach Nancy Winstel said. "But she led our team in scoring and rebounding despite playing only 23 minutes a game. She came back from a devastating knee injury which would end a lot of players' careers. There is no doubt, Nancy was the heart and soul of our team and we are very happy about this honor."

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LAST ENTRY DATE: TUES., APRIL 9 (TODAY)

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# Mets, Padres pick to win divisions

With spring, of course, comes major league baseball. And with major league baseball comes predictions on winners and losers from sportswriters.

Since sportswriters' predictions tend to be as accurate as a Frank Pastore curve ball, I'm copping out. I will predict, but I'm also going to leave an out, if everything goes as planned (and it never does).

The Mets have the best lineup the National League has seen since the glory days of the Reds in the 70's. I hate to jump on the bandwagon, but who can argue with a middle of the order consisting of Keith Hernandez, Darryl Strawberry, Gary Carter, and George Foster? Imagine, Foster hitting sixth.

The Cubs are the only team that can really challenge the Mets. If Chicago can play as successfully on the road this year as last season, they may win the division. But are Ryne Sandberg and Bob Dernier really as good as last year? I think not.

As for the rest of the division, the Pirates may surprise some folks. The addition of power with George Hendrick and Steve Kemp will make them talented. But the fact is they are still in

## Dave Mendell

Pittsburgh. And the Pirates get as much support as another team I know that has the colors of black, gold, and white.

However, I'm taking into account another injury plagued year for Bob Horner. If Horner does stay healthy, the Braves may win.

Houston must have Dickie Thon if they have any hopes at all. And his progress from the beaming in the face last year is coming very slowly.

Oh, and then there's the Reds. The

## N.L. East

1. N.Y. Mets
2. Chicago Cubs
3. Pittsburgh Pirates
4. St. Louis Cardinals
5. Philadelphia Phillies
6. Montreal Expos

## N.L. West

1. San Diego Padres
2. Atlanta Braves
3. Houston Astros
4. Los Angeles Dodgers
5. Cincinnati Reds
6. San Francisco Giants

Even though this is how the division should finish, it won't. The reason is, if you'll notice, this is how the west finished last year and major league baseball is not that consistent.

Both Houston and Atlanta will challenge the Padres for the division but both will ultimately come up short.

closest thing Marge Schott, Bob Howsam and Co. did to bring the excitement back was hiring Joe Morgan as color commentator.

By the way, Pete, Give Alan Knicely and Nick Esasky a chance. What have you got to lose? Only a hundred games, maybe?

Well, those are my logical predictions. I know they're wrong, though, because baseball is not a logical game. That's why I love it.

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## INTRAMURAL EVENTS

	LAST ENTRY DATE	PLAY DATE
Men's & Women's Track & Field Day	Tues., April 9	Mon., April 15
Super Teams/Individuals	Tues., April 9	Mon. & Tues. April 15 & 16
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LINDERS (Canada): Beware the man with no arms and couple-three sharks. How's Ralph Mouth? Guess you won the bet since I had too many BUSHLEAGUE repeats. — Happy Camper.

Dear Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity: Thanks for a great mixer! We had fun discovering the "three dark secrets" of a Sig Ep. Love, the sisters of Delta Zeta.

BABYSITTER needed for 6-year-old, Mon-Fri from 3-6 p.m. in Ft. Thomas home. Call 441-5492 or 431-3500 between noon and 6 p.m.

BECKY: I'm flying Ben up for your birthday party. Happy 20th. Love, Linders.

CONGRATULATIONS Jeni Bush on your 3-year scholarship to Chase Law School. You deserve it and we're so proud of you! Love, the ATO Little Sisters.

ATO's: What a m-a-s-s-a-r-velous time we had at Marco Island! Remember the NPH and speak up 'cause I can "barely" hear ya!

Lela Meyer, I know you will do a great job as SG treasurer. Your leadership experience will make you the best treasurer ever!!! Best of Luck, Kelly R.

Theresa Malecki: Your SG experience and the help you have given me this year makes you the ideal candidate for Public Relations Director. My files are all yours! — Kelly R.

Mike Due: Good luck in the SG elections. Your SG experience and involvement makes you the best candidate for office administrator. You have my vote! — Kelly R.

Traci: You're doing a great job as pledge social chairman. Keep up your Theta Phi spirit and dedication. Love in Theta Phi. Your big sis.

Carl Re: Friday night. How many more "marks" do you think you can make? By the way, I am not drunk!!!! Your friend, K.

Bridgitte Silvers: Good luck in your race for Office Administrator in the Student Government elections!!! We know you'll do a wonderful job!!! Love, your sisters in Phi Sigma Sigma.

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Tuesday, April 2

● Filmstrip "If You Love This Planet," about Dr. Helen Caldicott and the threat of nuclear war, will be shown as part of a 12-week series offered each Tuesday from 12:15 to 1:30 at the Women's Center, Albright Health Center, Room 206. A panel discussion will follow. Admission is free.

● Open lecture/discussion/questions and answers on Mahikari at 8 p.m. Sponsored by friends of Mahikari. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 3

● Wednesday Lunch Seminar in the Faculty Dining Room of the University Center from noon to 1 p.m. Topic: "H. Grotius, J. Seldon and Deep Seabed Mining." Speaker: Tom Cate (Economics and Finance).

● Baptist Student Union Lunch Encounter at noon in the BSU House, 514 Johns Hill Road. Cost is \$1.

● BSU Bible study at 1:15 in the BSU House. Everyone is invited.

● The NKU College Republicans will hold a reorganizational meeting at 1 p.m. in room 232 of the University Center.

● Al-Anon Family Group — For families and friends of problem drinkers, will meet in the Albright Health Center room 206A at noon.

● The Society for the Advancement of Management will hold a meeting at 3:30

and on April 4 at 4:30. Both meetings will be held in BEP 110. Elections will be held.

Thursday, April 4

● Christian Student Fellowship invites you to a Bible study at 7 p.m. in the CSF Campus House on Johns Hill Road. For more information call 441-9619 and ask for Patty and Paula.

● Baptist Student Union Prayer and Share at 7:30 p.m. at the BSU House.

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